## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

TARA PICHLA, individually and on behalf of the class defined herein,	)
Plaintiff,	) Judge Lindberg
v.	) Case No.: 08 C 3085
PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC.	) Magistrate Judge Cole
Defendant.	) )

## STIPULATION REGARDING MOTION FOR CLASS CERTIFICATION

On June 27, 2008, plaintiff filed a motion for class certification, and a supporting memorandum of law. (Docket Nos. 15 & 16.) Plaintiff filed this motion because some Courts have found that a Fed.R.Civ.P. 68 offer of judgment to a putative class representative, made prior to the filing of a class certification motion, would moot any claim that a class of similarly situated persons can be certified. See *White v. Humana Health Plan, Inc.*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 32263 (N.D.Ill. May 2, 2007). Plaintiff does not concede that a Rule 68 offer has this effect, but filed the motion out of caution.

After a conference between counsel, the parties now hereby stipulate as follows:

- 1. The motion for class certification should be withdrawn, without prejudice.
- 2. Defendant agrees to make no attempt to moot plaintiff's claim that a class should be certified in this case, whether through a Fed.R.Civ.P. 68 offer of judgment or otherwise.
  - 3. Plaintiff may re-file a motion for class certification after the parties have taken

discovery. With respect to that motion, both plaintiff and defendant reserve the right to assert any facts, and make any good-faith arguments, regarding the motion's merits.

SO STIPULATED on this day, July 2, 2008.

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